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News Briefs

WILDLIFE CALENDAR HELPS TELL FS WILDLIFE HABITAT STORY:

Calendar Promotions, Inc. of Washington, Iowa, has published 750,000 copies of the America's Wildlife Heritage Calendar for 1983. The calendar features wildlife paintings from the Remington Wildlife Art Collection and captions telling about the work of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in wildlife habitat management and improvement. Our WO Wildlife Staff furnished the information for the captions. This is a good example of how we can take advantage of the opportunities offered to us by private industry to tell the public about our work. Copies of the calendar have been distributed to Regions, Forests and Districts.

GRAZING FEE CORRECTION: We have discovered an error in the computations used to develop the National Forest grazing fee for 1983. The \$1.45 per animal month announced last week is inaccurate; it should be \$1.40. There is no change in the National Grassland \$2.86 per animal month grazing value.

Legislation

BILLS PASS LAME-DUCK CONGRESS:

The following bills have passed the lame-duck Congress and have been sent to the President to be signed into law:

H.R.7356, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which appropriates 1983 funds for the Forest Service, was cleared for the White House on Dec. 19.

H.R.1952, the Sikes Act Amendment, authorizing appropriations to carry out conservation programs on military

reservations and public lands during fiscal years 1982 through 1984, was cleared for the White House on Dec. 16.

S.1965, Paddy Creek Wilderness, passed the Senate on Dec. 19, and has been cleared for transmittal to the White House.

S.2710, to establish a wilderness area in the Hoosier National Forest, Indiana, was signed Dec. 22

H.R.9, National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of Florida, was cleared for the President's signature on Dec. 20.

S.705, Small Tracts Act, cleared for the President's signature on Dec. 21.

S.2955, To designate the Cheaha Wilderness in the Talladega National Forest, in Alabama, cleared for the President's signature on Dec. 20.

H.R.5161, the Laurel Fork and Cranberry Wildernesses in the Monongahela National Forest, was cleared for President's signature on Dec. 21.

On Dec. 20, S.164, the John Sack Cabin bill was signed by the President and made Public Law 97-374.

APPROPRIATIONS SUPPLEMENT MAILED:

An appropriations supplement to the Friday Newsletter, showing the House action on the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY '83, has been distributed to the FNL mailing list. A supplement showing action on the final appropriations bill as passed by Congress and signed into law by the President will be prepared and distributed shortly.

Volunteer Corner

VOLUNTEER INCENTIVES IMPORTANT: Incentives, from both the volunteer's point of view and that of the agency, are the keys to a successful volunteer program.

A recent report from the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress--the first review of the use of volunteers by Federal agencies as a supplement to paid employees--lists some of these incentives. The incentives are based on the actual experience of federal agencies, other than the Forest Service, with their volunteer programs.

Some of the incentives included on the list were:

*Federal agencies which use volunteers to supplement the work of paid employees can accomplish more. Volunteers do not replace paid employees, but allow them to get more done.

*Volunteers in federal agencies improve management practices and other work activities by being sources of new ideas.

*Services to the public are improved by volunteers because they strengthen the ties between agencies and the public.

*Volunteers gain new experiences and new skills from their volunteer work.

*The opportunity to volunteer fulfills a need to help others.

*A volunteer program improves the public's image of an agency.

*Volunteer programs are one way to involve citizens in, and make them more knowledgeable about, the Federal Government.

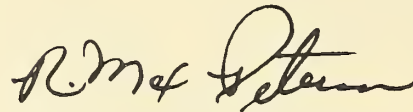
*Through experience with volunteers, agency officials can identify personnel with certain skills, for future employment.

Personnel Actions

WO--Dalton Dulac, Recreation Staff Specialist, Recreation, WO, NFS, reassigned to Forest Supervisor, Chugach NF, R-10.

R-4--John Mumma, Director, Wildlife Management, R-4, RO, promoted in place.

R-5--Joseph H. Harn, Forest Supervisor, Six Rivers National Forest, R-5, reassigned to the RO, R-5, Director, Fisheries and Wildlife Management Staff.



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